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"SENT BONN, REPEATED INFORMATION BERLIN, USCINCEUR AND COMZ.

"PART 1.

"REFERENCE: USBER'S NIACT NR 7 TO BONN, 16 JAN 58.

"IN FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH KOTSIUBA RELATIVE TO SOVIET  
STAMPING OF US TRAIN-PASSENGER'S MOVEMENT ORDERS, THIS HEAD-  
QUARTERS SEES NO ( REPEAT NO) OBJECTION IN PROPOSING ELIMINATION OF  
THE SOVIETS CLAIM THAT MOVEMENT ORDERS ARE BEING USED FOR MORE  
THAN ONE ROUND TRIP BY AGREEING TO MAKE US TRAIN COMMANDERS  
AFFIX AN APPROPRIATE STAMP TO THE ORDERS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE  
SOVIET OFFICER ON THE MARIENBORN STATION PLATFORM. UNDER NO  
CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD TRAIN COMMANDER LEAVE THE SIDE OF HIS  
TRAIN NOR PERMIT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF HIS  
SIGHT.

"HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO KOTSIUBA THAT HIS  
ALLEGATION IS CONTRARY TO FACT. U.S. TRAVEL ORDERS ARE WRITTEN  
"VALID FOR ONE ROUND TRIP" WITHIN A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME FOR  
ALL (REPEAT ALL) PERSONNEL EXCEPTING ONLY THOSE WHOSE DUTIES  
REQUIRE DAILY TRAVEL, E.G., TRAIN COMMANDERS AND MP TRAIN  
GUARDS. ORDERS FOR LATTER CATEGORY AUTHORIZE REPEATED TRAVEL  
FOR PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS.

"TRAVEL IN ONE DIRECTION BY AUTOMOBILE AND RETURN BY TRAIN  
HAS BEEN COMMON PRACTICE. SUCH TRAVEL IS ALSO LIMITED TO ONE  
ROUND TRIP. THERE IS NO VALIDITY TO KOTSIUBA'S OBJECTION TO THIS  
PRACTICE.

"IT IS CONSIDERED

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"IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE PRECEDENT OF PAST PRACTICE PUTS THE ALLIES IN A MORE REASONABLE POSITION THAN ARE THE SOVIETS IN THEIR ARGUMENT THAT, BECAUSE THE STAMPING PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR AUTOBAHN TRAVEL AND, AS THEY MAY PERHAPS LATER ARGUE, ALSO FOR US FREIGHT TRAIN CREWS, IT THEREFORE MUST BE ACCEPTED FOR TRAIN TRAVEL TO ACHIEVE UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE.

"PART II.

"PROCEDURE INDICATED IN PARA A, PART I OF SX 1244, 15 JAN REMAINS IN EFFECT. THE PRECAUTIONS DIRECTED IN PARAS B AND C PART I OF THIS MESSAGE HAVE BEEN CANCELED."

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